

JUNE 1,2025

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.
Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

We leave all that which might be a distraction from worship at the doors this day and we prepare our hearts for worship. Peace be with you. *Amen.*

PRELUDE

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. We gather for worship in the name of the Father, and † of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

We come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,
you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Make us alive in Christ, O God.
Make us new as you make all things new.
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and † frees you from your sins by his blood.

Amen.

We turn to the doors of the sanctuary to acknowledge the cross. Please turn to the altar as the cross passes your pew.

HYMN

Bind Us Together

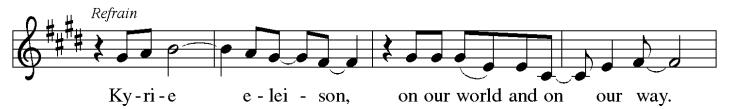
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also, with you.







- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and life and for love, . . . for our nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Acts 16:16-34

A reading from Acts.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. 19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten

with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 97

We read responsively.

¹The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of the isles be glad.

> ²Clouds and darkness surround the Lord, Righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne

³ Fire goes before the Lord Burning up enemies on every side.

> ⁴ Lightnings light up the world; The earth sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains melt like wax Before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, And all the peoples see your glory.

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved imagines and delight in false gods! Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.

⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, Because of your judgements, O Lord.

⁹ For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

10 You who love the Lord, hate evil!

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them
from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,

And joy for the honest of heart.

¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, And give thanks to God's holy name.

REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

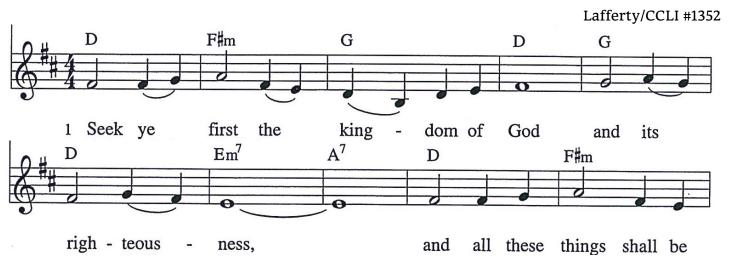
A reading from Revelation.

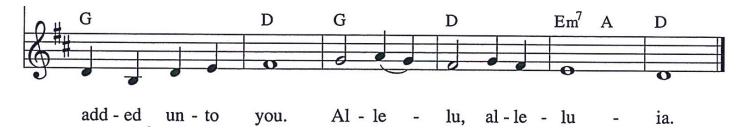
12 "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Seek Ye First





We stand.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The holy gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father,

protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I

know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

The gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ. We sit.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

prayers

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

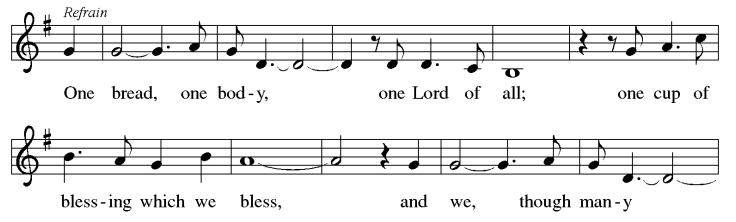
the depth of His love

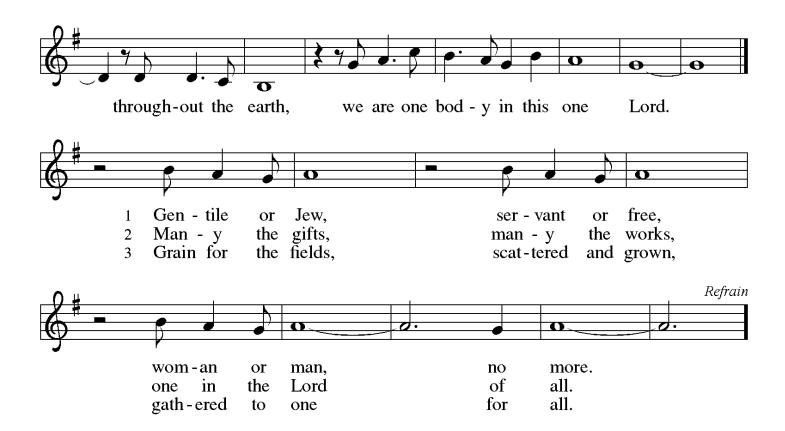
We stand.

HYMN

One Bread, One Body

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Hear us, O God...your mercy is great

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. *Amen.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. Friendship pads have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

MUSIC

OFFERTORY

Create in Me in a Clean Heart

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

God, our great provider, the bread of life nourishes and sustains us. Send the Spirit to fill this bread and wine. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

This meal fills your people with your abundant mercy and draws us closer to you and with one another. We long to be filled with your bread. Strengthen us in your presence. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

We worship and adore you. We fall at your feet to be near you. Show us your great power and assure us of your mighty presence. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the side aisles to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the center aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. If this is the first Sunday of the month, we also offer communion at the rail. On this Sunday, you may continue through the side doors and an usher will guide you to the altar to receive communion.

MUSIC

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

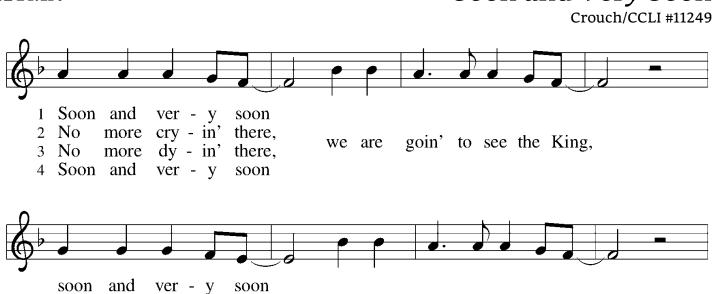
THE SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God, Who was, Who is and Who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, Light your way with resurrection dawn, Now and always. *Amen.*

HYMN

Soon and Very Soon





we are

soon and ver - y soon no more cry - in' there, no more dy - in' there, soon and ver - y soon

more cry - in'

dy - in'

ver - y

more

soon and

no

no

there,

there,

soon

we are goin' to see the King.

goin' to see the King,



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!





As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING The Blessing



As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

- men.

men.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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-men,

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of Cheri Coppens 40th birthday by Daniel Coppens.

Please find your way to the wall outside of the church office. Please initial next to your photograph if you are ok using that photo in the directory. If you would like to submit another/newer photo, please send to office@WeAreMtHermon.com at your earliest convenience.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

05/25/2025

9:00 worship 75 + live stream 131 = 252

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,421.18
Building Fund	Received	\$630.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$70.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of Francis Eargle by Diane & Parker Boulware, Terry & Allison Swygert, Ann Addy, Annette Price, Cindy & Joel Price, Jeff & Alyson Price, Nancy & Jamie Addison, Ricky & Fran Bouknight, Ann Bouknight, Lynn Bouknight, Norman & Virginia Hook, Barr-Price Funeral Homes.

In memory of Bobby Carver by Ricky & Fran Bouknight, Lynn Bouknight.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Dan Cooper	Dion Metze
	Ronnie Fulmer	Frankie Jackson
Crucifer:	Hayes Wingard	Tanner Addy
Acolyte:	Hayden Eargle	Sydney Bucknam
Lector:	Ronnie Fulmer	Terry Swygert
Communion Assts:	Ronnie Fulmer	Tanner Addy
	Hayden Eargle	Sydney Bucknam
	Susan Busby	Terry Swygert
	Marion Leaphart Cyndi Leaphart	Allison Swygert
	Kathy Cooper Sheila Eargle	Jerry Price
Audio:	Brandon Donaldson	Arron Kinard
Video:	Marie Gardner	Quentin Kinard
Nursery:	Kay Bryant	Cassie Swygert
	Larry Amick	Laura Carroll
Flowers:	Daniel Coppens	OPEN

SERVING IN JUNE

COUNCIL REP: Al Stevens

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, Asbury Arms Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place Doris Carver, Presby Home Georgianna Gray, home James Hallman, Lakeside Place Marie Kleckley, Lex Ext Care Gloria Mathias, *home*Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*Cyndi Thurman, *home*Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Chris Carroll Debbie Duval Michelle Gantt Joye Haygood Frankie Jackson Dennis Thurman Mary Frances Sease Jim Whitaker Wynne Price

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott Stetson Cooper, grandson of Dan Cooper Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen Dawn McIlwain-Merck,

friend of Robin Ellisor
John Catoe, family of the Ellisors
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),

friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart
Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease
Mrs. Cruz, teacher of Abbey Carroll
Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

friends of Debra & Dave Butts Sandra Watson,

aunt of Courtney Bucknam Jaimie Womack,

friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Linda Bennett, mother of Beth Jo Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher Blase Rhine, Linda Starkey,

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight
Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant
Max Schronce,

friend of the David & Scottie Marsh Faye McCartha, mother of Debra Butts Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert Jane Baxley, cousin of Michelle Gantt Joyce Davis,

grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik Will & Summer Satcher,

friend of Courtney Bucknam
Dorothy Collins, friend of Ryan Price
Lauren Addy,

friend of Kathy Cooper and Metzes
Sam Lockridge, friend of Scottie Marsh
Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price
Thelma Moyer, mother of Diane Boulware
Kaiden Howell,

friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik
Randy Stonehill, friend of Ryan & Jennifer
Linda Bennett, mother of Beth Jordan
Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher
Linda Starkey,

sister-in-law of Sheila Starkey
Singley & Parisano families,
friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper
*Nicki Davis,

neighbor of David & Debra Butts



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Ronnie Fulmer, Vice President Frank Bouknight, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 1st

9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, June 2nd

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

Tuesday, June 3rd

5:00 pm Executive Team 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

Wednesday, June 4th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)

Saturday, June 7th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)